

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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For : METHOD FOR INERT GAS WELDING OR INERT GAS  
SOLDERING OF WORKPIECES COMPRISING IDENTICAL  
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OF AN ADDITIONAL ZN/AL METAL  
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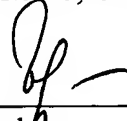
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